

REMARKS

Claims 32-38 and 40-50 are pending in the application. Claims 32, 36, 40, 44, 47, and 49 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks below.

I. The § 101 Rejections

Claims 32-34, 37-38, 40-41, 44-47, and 49-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended each of claims 32, 36, 40, 44, 47, and 49 to recite that the key is securely stored, as suggested by the Examiner.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 32, 40, and 47 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 101 rejections set forth above. Applicant has done so. Therefore, claims 32, 40, and 47 (and the claims that depend therefrom) should be in condition for allowance.

To expedite prosecution, should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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